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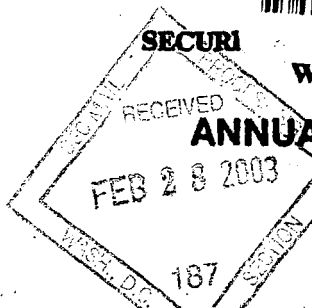


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**ANNUAL AUDITED REPORT
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PART III**

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**Information Required of Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to Section 17 of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder**

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING January 1, 2002 AND ENDING December 31, 2002
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A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER:

Ahston-Clayton Financial Group, LLC

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FIRM ID. NO.

ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.)

409 Rahway Avenue

(No. and Street)

Woodbridge, NJ 07095

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT

Richard M. Prinzi, Jr., CPA

212-402-6864

(Area Code - Telephone No.)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

DEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report*

Prinzi, Richard M.

(Name - if individual, state last, first, middle name)

8403 Seventh Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11228

Address)

(City)

(State)

Zip Code)

CHECK ONE:

- ☒ Certified Public Accountant
☐ Public Accountant
☐ Accountant not resident in United States or any of its possessions.

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*claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual report be covered by the opinion of an independent public accountant
must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See section 240.17a-5(e)(2).*

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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

Harry Clayton

_____, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Ashton-Clayton Financial Group, LLC _____, as of December 31, ~~2002~~ 2002, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer, except as follows:

N/A

Jane G. Clayton

JANE G. CLAYTON

NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES NOV. 15, ~~1997~~ 2007

[Signature]

Signature

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report** contains (check all applicable boxes):

- (a) Facing page.
- (b) Statement of Financial Condition.
- (c) Statement of Income (Loss).
- (d) Statement of Changes in Financial Condition.
- (e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietor's Capital.
- (f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors.
- (g) Computation of Net Capital
- (h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.
- (i) Information Relating to the Possession or Control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3.
- (j) A Reconciliation, including appropriate explanation, of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the Computation for Determination of the Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.
- (k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of consolidation.
- (l) An Oath or Affirmation.
- (m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.
- (n) A report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.

or conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

Ashton Clayton Financial Group, LLC

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

To Ashton Clayton Financial Group, LLC:

I have audited the accompanying balance sheet of Ashton Clayton Financial Group, LLC (a Limited Liability Company) as of December 31, 2002, and the related statements of operations, changes in Members' equity and cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2002 that you are filing pursuant to Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Ashton Clayton Financial Group, LLC as of December 31, 2002, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2002, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America.

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information contained in the Supplementary Information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in my audit of the basic financial statements and, in my opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.



Richard Prinzi, Jr. CPA
February 25, 2003

Ashton Clayton Financial Group, LLC

Balance Sheet
December 31, 2002

Assets

Current Assets:

Cash	\$ 2,242
Clearing Deposit	15,000
Other Receivables	8,543
Prepaid Expenses	<u>1,650</u>

Total Current Assets	<u>27,435</u>
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Fixed Assets	29,025
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(23,709)</u>

Net Book Value	<u>5,316</u>
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Total Assets	<u>\$ 32,751</u>
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Liabilities And Members' Equity

Current Liabilities:

Accounts Payable	\$ 6,266
Commission Payable	7,644
Accrued Expenses	<u>2,662</u>

Total Current Liabilities	<u>16,572</u>
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Members' Equity:

Members Equity	36,662
Current Income (Loss)	<u>(20,483)</u>

Total Members' Equity	<u>16,179</u>
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Total Liabilities and Members' Equity	<u>\$ 32,751</u>
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See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements

Ashton Clayton Financial Group, LLC

Statement of Operations

For the Year Ended December 31, 2002

Income:	
Commission Income	\$ 43,145
Insurance Income	118,603
Mutual Fund Income	162,098
Interest	877
Other	<u>1,094</u>
Total Income	325,817
Expenses:	
Commissions	267,697
Clearing Costs	7,505
Customer Chares	570
Communications	3,289
Occupancy	21,176
Insurance	3,662
Quote Services	2,777
Regulatory & Membership	3,994
Professional Services	15,230
Depreciation	4,711
Interest	341
General & Administrative	<u>15,350</u>
Total Expenses	<u>346,300</u>
Loss	<u>\$ (20,483)</u>

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements

Ashton Clayton Financial Group, LLC

Statement of Changes in Members' Equity

For the Year Ended December 31, 2002

	<u>Total</u>
Members' Equity January 1, 2002	\$ 24,862
Year Current Income (Loss)	(20,483)
Additions	11,800
Withdrawals	<u>0</u>
Members' Equity December 31, 2002	<u>\$ 16,179</u>

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements

Ashton Clayton Financial Group, LLC

Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended December 31, 2002

Cash Flows From Operating Activities:

Net Loss	\$ (20,483)
Depreciation Expense	4,711
Net Decrease in Other Receivables	22,894
Net Decrease in Prepaid Expenses	(181)
Net Decrease in Accounts Payable	2,006
Net Decrease in Commission Payable	(18,912)
Net Increase in Accrued Expenses	(1,209)

Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities	<u>(11,174)</u>
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Cash Flows From Investing Activities:

Net Cash Used (Provided) in Investing Activities	<u>0</u>
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Cash Flow From Financing Activities:

Contributions From Member	<u>11,800</u>
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Net Cash Provided (Used) By Financing Activities	<u>11,800</u>
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Net Increase in Cash	<u>626</u>
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Cash, beginning of period	<u>1,616</u>
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Cash, end of period	<u>\$ 2,242</u>
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See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements

Ashton Clayton Financial Group, LLC

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS

Ashton Clayton Financial Group, LLC ("the Company") is registered as a broker-dealer with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and is a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. ("NASD"). Its business will focus on serving the needs of individual investors who seek specialized advice and recommendations based on their own individual needs and interest. Management has elected a December 31 year-end for the Company.

The Company recommends investment strategies and executes trades on behalf of clients. Customer accounts are maintained at Fiserv Correspondent Services, Inc. The Company has an agreement with Fiserv Correspondent Services, Inc. to execute and clear trades on behalf of the Company, therefore, the Company is exempt from SEC rule 15c3-3.

NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Cash & Cash Equivalents

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, cash equivalents include all highly liquid investments, with a maturity of three months or less.

Utilization of Estimates

The presentation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Basis of Financial Statements

These financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America.

Property Plant & Equipment

Property plant & equipment are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation computed by the straight-line and accelerated methods. The estimated useful life to the various classes of assets on which current provisions were based is as follows: Furniture & Fixtures, 7 years; Equipment, 5 years; and Computers, 5 Years.

Ashton Clayton Financial Group, LLC

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 3. FIXED ASSETS

A summary of fixed assets is as follows:

Furniture & Fixtures	\$	17,430
Equipment		5,425
Computers		6,170
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Total Fixed Assets		29,025
Accumulated Depreciation		(23,709)
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Net Book Value	\$	5,316
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NOTE 4. RENT

The Company rents office space at 408 Rahway Ave, Woodbridge, NJ. The lease renews at the mutual consent of the landlord and the Company at a 5% increase per year. The monthly rent for 2002 was raised from \$1,570 in May 1, 2002 to \$1,650 from June 1, 2002 to year-end.

NOTE 5. NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS

As a SEC registered broker-dealer and a NASD member firm, the Company is subject to the SEC's Uniform Net Capital Rule (the "Rule"), which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1.

As of December 31, 2002, the Company had net capital of \$8,913 which was \$3,913 in excess of required net capital of \$5,000. The Company's net capital ratio was 1.86 to 1.

Supplemental Information

Ashton Clayton Financial Group, LLC

Computation of Net Capital

December 31, 2002

Net Capital:

Total Ownership Equity qualified for Net Capital	\$ 16,179
Less: Non-allowable Assets	<u>6,966</u>
Total Net Capital	9,213
Haircuts	<u>300</u>
Net Capital	8,913
Minimum Dollar Requirement	<u>5,000</u>
Excess Net Capital	<u>\$3,913</u>

Aggregate Indebtedness:

Aggregate indebtedness as included in Statement of Financial Condition	<u>\$ 16,572</u>
Ratio of aggregate indebtedness to Net Capital	<u>1.86 to 1</u>

Reconciliation:

Net Capital as per the December 31, 2002 Unaudited FOCUS Report, as filed	\$ 8,913
Net Adjustments	<u>0</u>
Net Capital as per the December 31, 2002 Audited Report, as filed	<u>\$ 8,913</u>

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Ashton Clayton Financial Group
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February 28, 2003

In planning and performing my audit of the financial statements and supplemental schedules of Ashton-Clayton Financial Group, LLC. (the "Company"), for the years ended December 31, 2002, and 2001 I considered its internal controls, including control activities for safeguarding securities, in order to determine my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on internal control.

Also, as required by Rule 17a-5(g) (1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), I have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company including tests of such practices and procedures that I considered relevant to the objectives stated in Rule 17a – 5 (g) in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness (or aggregate debits) and net capital under Rule 17a-3(a) (11) and for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of Rule 15c3-3. Because the Company does not carry customer securities, I did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in any of the following:

1. Making quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications, and comparisons
2. Recordation of differences required by Rule 17a-13
3. Complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Federal Reserve Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

The management of the company is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of controls and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the SEC's above-mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of internal controls and the practices and

procedures are to provide management with reasonable but not absolute assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Rule 17a-15(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

Because of inherent limitations in internal control or the practices and procedures referred to above, error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.

My consideration of internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in internal control that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of the specific internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. However, I noted no matters involving internal control, including control activities for safeguarding securities, that I consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

I understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the SEC to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and my study, I believe that the Company's practices and procedures were adequate at December 31, 2002, to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the information and use for the Board of Directors, management, the SEC and other regulatory agencies that rely on Rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Prinzi, Jr.', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Richard Prinzi, Jr. CPA